

REMARKS

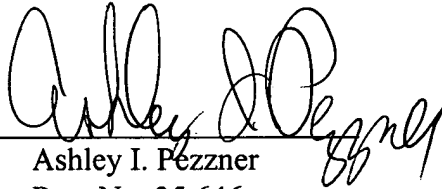
The applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment be entered prior to fee calculation and examination. The applicants have rewritten claims 3-8 in the proper U.S. form as newly added claims 9-14. Support for newly added claims 15-17 can be found in original claims 3, 5, 6 and 7. Support for newly added claim 18 can be found in the specification at the bottom of page 3.

No additional fee is required for the extra claims. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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